



Clark County Park District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
July 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call To Order**
 - a. Commissioner Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
 - a. Commissioners in attendance were Jeff Wallace, Randy Blankenship, Jana Williamson, Roy Sweet, Jeff Trefz, and John Richards. Also in attendance were Executive Director Jeff Tippett and Office Manager Danielle Brown.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Wallace motioned to approve the agenda with the deletion of items 11, 12, and 13. Blankenship second. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 6/17/21
 - i. Sweet motioned to approve the Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes dated 6/17/21. Wallace second. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 6. Public Comment**
 - a. None
- 7. Director's Report**
 - a. Tippett commented that when they put in all of the new boxes, they pulled all of the old wires, the ones that they could find, and they sent them in for recycle and they made an additional \$3,410. That went to the park general fund. They also got a deal on resale propane for \$1.17/gallon. They bought \$4,000 of resale propane. The Third of July activities went off.
 - b. Tippett commented that he told them about the tree that fell on the propane refill station and damaged the fence, it is \$987. He is not making an insurance claim on it, they will just fix it.
 - c. Richards asked if the money was from the copper to which Tippett responded that they burned all of the copper and got the insulation off of it and took it and some aluminum that they had been saving in cans in. He thought that it was a pretty good deal. Blankenship commented that it sounds good.
 - d. Wallace commented that he wants them to think about the issue that they had with the boat, and the fact that we need to make sure that people who have boats have insurance that covers recovery. Is that an issue that maybe they need to be thinking about to which Tippett responded yes, absolutely. The liability insurance works for liability, but if the boat sinks, they may or may not cover it. Richards asked if that is something that needs to be addressed in Policy and then brought to the Board to which the response was yes. He thinks that



there are a couple of things that are in the policy that he has. One is removal and the other is environmental damage. They must be different through different companies. Wallace commented that he just wants to make sure because if like we have to get the boat off, which Tippet made that call in this particular instance, the boat has to come off now, that something is in place.

8. Payment of Bills

- a. Brown commented that the total amount in AR to be approved for payment is \$34909.41. The reason that it has changed again is the credit from Industrial Supply that has yet to be applied.
- b. Sweet motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,909.41. Trefz second. Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards, aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- c. Wallace commented that he wanted everyone to know that the bill that they approved for Central State, everything has been done, so Tippet released the payment on that. Blankenship asked on time to which Tippet responded yes.

9. New Business

- a. Discussion and Vote Release Husqvarna Mower to the West Union Park
 - i. Richards commented that there is a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement in the Board Packet.
 - ii. Blankenship asked if they were going to keep up the maintenance to which Tippet responded yes, it is in there.
 - iii. Blankenship motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to give the mower to West Union. Richards. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and Vote to Observe the Holiday Juneteenth
 - i. Richards commented that this was discussed at the Policy Meeting.
 - ii. Wallace commented that he thinks that it was the recommendation of the policy committee was to approve it to which Williamson responded yes.
 - iii. Richards commented that they talked about treating that like they do Memorial Day or the 4th of July. Is that holiday going to be on the same date every year, so if it falls on the weekend to which Tippet responded that it would be observed on Monday. Richards commented so it will be treated as such.
 - iv. Sweet motioned to observe Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Trefz second. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and Vote the purchase of Two New Mercury Motors
 - i. Tippet commented that he asked the Board because they were offered two new Mercury motors. The first one being \$6,260, that is not on the government bid and the second one was on a government bid at \$5,428. As it turns out the Sweetwater motor, which is a Johnson took a crap on them, so they needed a motor. He asked the Board on a straw poll if he



could order it, yes, he could order it. And further order the government motor to replace the other motor 6 months down the road. We won't get it for 6 months. So, we have one of the motors and the other is on its way. That is a total of \$11,688 which we will only be responsible for the \$6,000 one until they get the other government motor and then we could pay for that.

- ii. Blankenship asked where the money would be coming from to which Tippet responded contingency.
- iii. Sweet commented that he would like to caution about the straw polls, he thinks it is thin ice. They po
- iv. Il juries after the verdict is in. he thinks they were warned about this years ago so he thinks that they might need to do a little research on this before that is taken again.
- v. Wallace motioned to allow the purchase of the 2 new Mercury Motors as the cost of \$11,688. Blankenship second. Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Wallace aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Vote Central Illinois Forestry Proposal for Bid
 - i. Blankenship asked even though they put this out for bid, they can still say no to what they get, right to which Richards responded yes.
 - ii. Tippet commented that the only question that Wagner had for them was rather than the one year bid, could they go with a two year bid only because the weather could hold them up, any little thing could hold them up, although they went with no hunting on the ground and the buyer will have to make access to the ingress and egress to the area, he commented that could still run them to tight to finish, therefore he would recommend two years. Blankenship commented that he thinks that they will bring better money if they have time to do the job.
 - iii. Richards asked what they are asking for up front to which Tippet responded 100%. Blankenship commented when they start. Richards commented when they start or acceptance of the bid, those are the two things that we talked about. Tippet commented that when they sign the bid, they give 100% right then and there and in return, they have immediate access to the area so they can start the day they sign.
 - iv. Richards commented that the downfall for the 2-year contract, depending on when they start, they may not start for a year and a half, and they are just kind of sitting there. Blankenship commented so if it is at signing, then it wouldn't matter to us to which Richards responded no, it does not.



- v. Wallace asked if he is concerned that they would have to carry that, they would be paying all that money and possibly wouldn't have that income for a year and a half to which Richards responded no, Commissioner Ewing called him this morning and he wanted to do a couple of things. He would like to ask him to say a couple of things. Any proceeds from this are planning to be earmarked for campground improvement/expansion, he doesn't think that they actually had a vote on that, and they can't really vote on it tonight since it wasn't on the agenda, but he wanted to get that out there. That is what the money is going to be used for, or the intention of it. He also said that the year would be good since they are no longer excluding them from the deer season, since that is the peak time for harvest for a number of reasons. One being that the trees go dormant during that time and they store better or something about when the sap is not moving. He doesn't know, that is all a little beyond his area of expertise by a long way. He had recommended that, and he is throwing out the 365-day window versus the 2-year window. To him, it doesn't make much difference. He assumes that they are going to want to go get it done all in one fail swoop and it doesn't really matter as far as the financials go, we are expecting all of the money up front.
- vi. Blankenship commented well look at how much it has been raining. It has kept it just wet enough that you can't do anything for a month. If you are going to put them at a year, then they are going to rut it up to try and get it out because they have no choice. So, if they have time to do it when the weather is right, he thinks it would be better for the ground, for them and for us. Richards commented and potentially for whoever's property they are crossing and the roads they are using.
- vii. Sweet commented that NASA predicts a moon wobble, and we are going to get tremendous amounts of rain over a time period, he doesn't remember what they said. So, that's an interesting thing to study and to watch, but that is their prediction. They are pretty much on the ball with that, so it sounds like there is going to be some rainfall. You might want to take that into consideration.
- viii. Wallace commented that he guesses he has to, since he is not experienced in this or anything, he is trying to rely on what Mr. Wagner is putting before them. He respects Ewing's thought about it to. He is thinking that if Wagner thinks that two years would be good, then that is what they should do.
- ix. Sweet asked how is he going to handle the right to go over property to which Tippett responded that it is going to be up to them to secure it. Sweet asked if they will secure that before we should expect payment to



which Tippett responded yes. Sweet asked how they would know who was going to go and ask for it, what contractor who go and ask for it to which Tippett responded that whoever is awarded the contract, he would think. They are going to be working with Wagner on this to which Sweet responded alright, he just wanted to get it out there.

- x. Williamson commented that she thought that she understood that he was going to go see them to which Tippett responded that we would if we wanted to, or we could just put it on the buyer and the buyer would do it.
- xi. Richards commented that potentially we would have to disallow hunting for two seasons, but that's not a huge deal, but they need to keep that in mind. Blankenship commented they will still be able to hunt the other side to which Richards responded sure.
- xii. Richards commented that he agrees that they are not paying Wagner outright, but he is making commissions on managing this for us and if that is what he is thinks, then he has a much better idea about it than he does.
- xiii. Wallace motioned to approve the Central Illinois Tree Management Proposal for bid for 730 days as it has been presented. Blankenship second. Williamson aye, Sweet no, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye. 5 ayes, 1 no. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and Vote Increase in Cost for Bull Dog Diving
 - i. Tippett commented that he spoke to Bull Dog when you awarded them the contract to make sure that they were doing the Prevailing Wage. They were doing it for Indiana, and they were supposed to be doing it for Illinois, and when they did, it came out to \$780 more than their original bid. He is asking the Board to go ahead and approve the additional \$780. They are still cheaper than MER.
 - ii. Blankenship motioned to accept the \$780 for Bull Dog Diving. Richards second. Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session

- a. Deleted

12. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

- a. Deleted

13. Vote to Approve and Open or Close Executive Session Meeting Minutes 3/18/21

- a. Deleted

14. Committee Reports

- a. Campers
 - i. None
- b. Lake Management – 7/8/21



- i. Richards commented that they had Greg Robinson with Saluki Engineering come out and submit a couple of plans that were site specific to the area of Mill Creek Village Cove down there as far as what he thought it would take to build silt ponds. He thinks that they range from about \$1,800 to about \$24,000 for anything from just basic layout to complete planning with blueprints to give to a contractor. The way that ended up is that they really aren't sure where the property boundaries are between Denise Pine-Mattas, Keith Findley, and the Hills & Dales Subdivision. We are wanting to consider having that surveyed so that they can find out where the property markers are. Tippet commented that they are going to have a survey, he already called Conner & Conner. Richards commented that once that is done, they will have a better idea of how to intervene with all of that water that comes in through that channel right there and how to fix it. That is in motion, it is delayed. They did discuss the timber to some degree, what they voted on tonight. They also discussed the cluster docks and things of that nature. They talked a little bit about what they would like to see done in order to lift that provisional status on the building of docks in that subdivision.
- c. Finance – 7/12/21
 - i. Wallace commented that he would like to go over some of the stuff from the finance meeting as it was he and Williamson at that meeting and Brown led them through that meeting as she always does, and she does a good job.
 - ii. Wallace commented that what he will touch upon in the finances is that they are doing pretty good. There is nothing that is jumping out at us. They do have some things that have come up like the Mercury motors and that type of thing. They talked a little bit about the income side of it. So far this year on the boat rental fee they have made \$13,862.30 and that is down about \$1,000 from last year. That is because they have 2 pontoon boats down. The year prior to last year, he is going to throw the 2019 figures at them also. At this time in 2019, they were at \$8,544, currently they are at \$13,862.30 so we are looking pretty good. Total boating fees for this year, \$81,737, last year \$77,276, and 2019 was \$69,521, so we are doing good on the boating fees. Total cabin fee so far this year \$42,565, last year they were at \$11,982, and the prior year was \$31,410 so currently they are \$10,000 up from that. Our total campground \$227,247, last year at this time we were at \$146,700 and the prior year we were at \$199,169, so we are still about \$30,000 ahead of 2019. We are over in one line item on the budget, that is cost of goods sold because they are selling more. We only had a certain amount on our budget to spend on our cost of goods, since we are selling more, we are



having to buy more so now we are outside of our budget amount on that. Overall total income is \$553,532 for the year which compares to \$449,000 last year so we are seeing about \$104,000 more than we did last year. Then the previous year we were at \$461,000, so about \$90,000 better at this time than we were in 2019. The reason that he likes to look back at 2019 is because last year was an anomaly with COVID and everything. Our overall net income is at \$258,000, last year we were at \$199,000, and the previous year we were at \$259,000. We are about where we were with 2019 with the overall net income and everything. They need to remember that each year is different. We have different grants going on and there is money going around, but he would like to focus specifically on the income, we are up in every area except the boat rental.

- iii. Wallace commented that they did have one other thing, Williamson had inquired at the previous meeting about the FDIC only insuring accounts up to \$250,000. He asked his wife, who is a VP in the banking industry, and she said that she gets inquiries about this often, she said that there is nothing much that they can do about that. Our biggest account is our Recreation account which has a little over \$800,000 in it. It would be difficult for us to divvy that up at this time. There had been in the past when we use to get money for certificates of deposit, which now if you had \$1,000,000 to invest, you would probably get about 1/10 of a percent. What his wife told him was that they had the big savings and loan debacle back in the day, the savings and loans are different than the banks are today. She said that we would be well aware that something was going bad if they had an issue with this. Even though they have \$800,000 in the Recreation account right now, we are going to be divvying into that account a lot at the end of the year and that account is going to come down a lot because of our grant projects, so he doesn't think that is going to be too much of a concern at least right now with the FDIC.

- d. Policy
 - i. None
- e. Trails
 - i. None

15. Adjourn

- a. Blankenship motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wallace second. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.